

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A molded elastomer pour spout device comprising:

an outer front flange panel having an upper region,

an inner rear flange panel having an upper region, and

an upper sector rim integrally joined to said front flange panel's upper region and to said rear flange panel's upper region while maintaining a predetermined distance and thereby forming a sector slot of predetermined width between said flange panels,

said sector slot having its uppermost region bridged by said upper sector rim integrally joining the upper regions of said flange panels, leaving all other peripheral regions of said sector slot open,

a shallow central spout protruding forward from said upper rim beyond said front flange panel,

the upper rim and both flange panels being formed with a convexly curved shape, with both flange panels having radii of curvature about an axis perpendicular to the upper plane defined by the upper sector rim in said convexly curved shape, while maintaining said predetermined sector slot width,

whereby said molded elastomer pour spout device is removably attachable to a sector of the rim of a liquid container vessel having a circular open upper vessel rim by lowering the elastomer pour spout's sector slot into sliding tractive telescoping engagement with said open upper vessel rim until said open upper vessel rim is substantially seated in contact with the uppermost region of said sector slot, where it is held by the flanges forming the slot being flexibly distorted to match the flanges, radii of curvature to those of the liquid container's open upper vessel rim, in cooperation with the tractive seated engagement of the outer flange and the inner flange resiliently telescoped over said open upper ~~vessel rim~~ vessel rim,

wherein said inner rear flange panel has a lower edge extending downward, with its lowest terminal lateral edge portions laterally spaced apart, leaving a higher central web portion between them.

2. (Original) The molded elastomer pour spout device defined in claim 1, wherein said front flange panel has a lower edge extending downward, with its lowest portion being centrally located below said shallow central protruding spout.

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4. (Currently Amended) The molded elastomer pour spout device defined in claim 1 ~~claim 3~~, wherein said two lowest edge portions of said inner rear flange panel are thicker than the average thickness of said inner rear flange panel, forming two spaced-apart bulbous lobes in tractive engagement with the inner surface of the container vessel.

5. (Original) The molded elastomer pour spout device defined in claim 1, further including A substantially flat strainer panel integrally extending rearwardly from said upper sector rim toward said perpendicular axis, Means forming a pouring opening extending through said strainer panel adjacent to said shallow central spout, whereby the upper surface of liquid contained in said container vessel is beneath and substantially parallel to said upper plane when said vessel is in its normal upright storage position, and whereby said upper liquid surface wells upward through said opening and pours over said shallow central spout when said perpendicular axis of said container vessel is tilted toward said central spout through a pouring angle.

6. (Original) The molded elastomer pour spout device defined in claim 5, further including a plurality of additional holes, smaller in diameter than said pouring opening, all extending through said strainer panel and dimensioned to retain any objects floating in said liquid from passing through said holes when said container vessel is tilted through a pouring angle.

7. (Original) The molded elastomer pour spout device defined in claim 5, wherein the strainer panel extends over a portion of the contained liquid's upper surface which constitutes a minor

portion of the total upper surface of the contained liquid in said container vessel.

8. (Original) The molded elastomer pour spout device defined in claim 5, wherein said substantially flat strainer panel is mildly dished in a concave shape, whereby liquid welling upward through said opening is directed toward said shallow central spout.

9. (Original) The molded elastomer pour spout device defined in claim 5, further including two raised front ridges extending upward along the junction of the strainer panel and the front flange panel, interrupted only by said shallow central spout.

10. (Original) The molded elastomer pour spout device defined in claim 9, further including a shallow groove formed in the strainer panel adjacent to the raised front ridges, directing liquid upwelling through said opening toward said shallow central spout.

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